



Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Committee

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2014 Council Chambers Room 115 City Hall

Policy Committee minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner. Audio recordings are on file with the City of Bloomington Planning Department.

Attendance

Policy Committee: Jason Banach (IU, Director of Real Estate), Tom Micuda (proxy for Mayor COB), Tony McClellan (INDOT), Scott Wells (Monroe Co. Plan Commission), Iris Kiesling (Monroe Co. Commissioner), Kent McDaniel (Bloomington Public Transit Corp.), Jack Baker (Bloomington Plan Commission), Bill Williams (Monroe Co. Highway Dept), Cheryl Munson (Monroe Co. Council), Laurel Cornell (MPO-Citizens Advisory Committee).

Others: Sandra Flum (INDOT-I69 Section 5 Office), Larry Jacobs (Bloomington Chamber of Commerce)

MPO Staff: Josh Desmond, Anna Dragovich, Scott Robinson, Emily Avers

- I. **Call to Order**—Kent McDaniel called the meeting to order at 1:35.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** None at this time. Minutes have fallen behind because of staffing changes but will be caught up as quickly as possible and provided for review.
- III. **Communications from the Chair:** None at this time.
- IV. **Reports from Officers and/or Committees**
 - A. **Citizens Advisory Committee:** None at this time.
 - B. **Technical Advisory Committee:**

Tom Micuda presented the update from the Technical Advisory Committee. At their last meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee discussed the TIP amendments in packet for this meeting of the MPO Policy Committee. All amendments were unanimously approved by the TAC.
 - C. **Report on progress of I69:**

Sandra Flum presented an update on I69 Section 5. A public open house was held October 28th with approximately 125 people in attendance. The aesthetic treatments including bridge work and landscaping for Section 5 were displayed and a vote was held. Comments and votes are still being accepted at the Section 5 Office through November 14th. Ms. Flum encouraged members from the MPO to come and provide input. There have been lane closures and night time work to locate utility depths. After that is completed, there will be some geotechnical work done under the lanes that will require some day time lane closures. Full on construction will come in a few weeks. The developer's plan is to do patching work on the road at the north of Monroe County and then move to widen sections of the road between That Road and State Road 46 to create a third lane. After the road widening or possibly at the same time they will begin construction of the overpass to connect That Road with Rockport Road.

V. Reports from the MPO Staff

A. MTP Task Force:

Josh Desmond presented an update on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The new travel demand model is complete. At this time we are waiting for the consultant to install the program and complete staff training. This should be done in next couple of weeks. There will be two public input meetings next week. The first will be Wednesday the 12th at the Downtown Transit building. The second meeting will be Thursday the 13th at the Ellettsville branch of the Monroe County library. Both meetings will be held at 7:00 pm. The meetings are to preview our vision statement and goals as well as to get input in spending priorities for projects in the area over the next 25 years.

B. Quarterly Tracking Report:

Anna Dragovich reported that the meeting for the first quarter of fiscal year 2015 was held October 21st. The report is available in the packet. The projects have been analyzed by both development time and funding. All projects have been moving along at the targeted pace with some projects being completed even faster than anticipated. There are a few upcoming project lettings including 17th and Jordan in December of 2014, Mt. Tabor Bridge in March of 2015, Old 37 and Dunn in November of 2015.

C. 2015 Meeting Schedule:

The schedule of meetings for 2015 is available in the packet. The schedule follows the format we've followed in previous years as to which Friday of the month the meeting will be held and which room the meeting will be in. Jason Banach requested to move meetings from Friday afternoon to any other time, except Monday mornings.

D. MPO Open House:

The annual MPO Open House will be held December 12th. Let Ms. Dragovich know of attendance by December 5th so she can provide enough refreshments. The open house is an opportunity for all MPO committees to meet.

VI. Old Business—None at this time

VII. New Business

A. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Committee Appointments:

TIP volunteers are needed to serve on the TAP Selection Committee for the Fiscal Years 2016-2019. The call for projects will be coming out before the Thanksgiving holiday and the goal is to have the projects approved by next spring. The call for projects will be for projects for all three of our funding sources STP, HSIP and TAP. The TAP Committee will rank and make selections among the proposed projects. The TAP Committee will be made up of 1-2 appointments and/or volunteers from each MPO committee. The TAP Committee is usually a short process, with maybe only one meeting. Members will be sent a packet of the proposed projects and then vote at the meeting. The meeting will be held sometime in January. Jack Baker and Iris Kiesling volunteered to serve.

B. Transportation Improvement Program Amendments: Mr. McDaniel requested the Committee review the TIP amendments in total and vote on all amendments at the end. The committee agreed. Mr. Desmond explained changes to the TIP funding. Unspent funds from our annual allocation will no longer roll over from Fiscal Year to Fiscal Year. We will be able to use our unspent funding accrued through Fiscal Year 2014 beginning in Fiscal Year 2016. We will be able to supplement our annual spending amount through this separate fund until the fund is depleted. We have created a 5 year plan to get our spending in line with these changes. The first 3 amendments on the agenda are INDOT amendments we will need to complete. These are not part of the 5 year plan discussed previously. Amendments 4-12 are amendments specifically designed to get the TIP in line with the 5 year plan. Amendment 13 is from Ellettsville and it is also not part of the process of readjusting the 5 year plan. Some projects are set up as “place holder” projects to get funding in place for future projects that are not yet programmed. Two of those projects for 2017 are noted on an additional handout. No projects have been assigned for HSIP or TAP. Those will be determined by TAP in January. No projects have been lost because of funding changes. Some projects were moved from year to year, others have had funding amount changes. Ms. Dragovich mentioned we went through the 30 day public comment period with no comments from the public.

- **DES# 1297004-** Bridge Deck Overlay: There has been a change to the fiscal year for funding and the funding amount. Jack Baker requested the reason for the large decrease in the funding amount. Ms. Dragovich said consultant working on project reanalyzed project cost and found a less expensive treatment.
- **DES# 1383224-** Surface Treatment on SR 46: There was a change in the funding amount.
- **DES# 14001180-** Traffic Signal Visibility Improvement: This is a new project to the TIP.
- **Remove DES #1382427-** W 2nd Street Feasibility Study: This change was requested by the City of Bloomington.
- **DES# 1400167-** Bikeways Projects: The funding for this project is changing fiscal year.
- **DES# 1400166-** Pedestrian Curb Ramps: The funding for this project is changing fiscal year.
- **DES# 1382429-** Black Lumber Trail: The construction funding is changing fiscal year.
- **DES# 0901730-** Tapp & Rockport Intersection: There has been an increase on the design budget and a change for the fiscal year on right-of-way (ROW) funding.
- **DES# 1297060-** Old St Rd 37 & Dunn St.: Funding increased for construction and the split between funding pools changed.
- **DES# 0901710-** 17th St & Jordan Ave: The funding for this project decreased.
- **DES# 0801059-** Fullerton Pike: The funding for this project was previously spread over two years; it will now be funded over one year.

- **DES# 1382431-** Karst Farm Trail Phase 3: The funding will be split between our annual allocation and balance.
- **Remove DES# 1297579-** Heritage Trail Phase 2: The removal of this project was requested by Ellettsville
- **DES# 1401359-** This is an HSIP place holder project for \$389,686.
- **DES# 1401360-** This is a TAP place holder project for \$152,762.

Mr. McDaniel asked for questions from the Committee. There were none. Mr. McDaniel asked for public comment. There was none.

****Mr. Micuda submitted a motion to pass all amendments. Ms. Kiesling seconded the motion. The amendments were approved through a unanimous voice vote.**

VIII. Communications from Committee Members (*non-agenda items*)

- A. Concern about I69 Section 6:** Scott Wells voiced concern about the absence of funding for Section 6. The private operator responsible for the Indiana Toll Road filed bankruptcy. The toll road is currently experiencing repair problems and question of who is responsible to make repairs. What happens if the partners on this section go bankrupt and what is our contingency plan for this possibility?
- B. Changes to IU transportation:** Mr. McDaniel mentioned IU has worked on a bicycle master plan. The plan is to make bicycle paths seamless between campus and the City of Bloomington. There will be an inter-campus shuttle starting between the IU and IUPUI campuses and the statehouse. This shuttle will run in addition to the airport shuttle currently in operation. Service on the new shuttle should begin December 1st.
- C. Fullerton Pike Public hearing:** Bill Williams stated that the public hearing for Fullerton Pike will be held in next couple of weeks.
- D. Topic Suggestions for future agendas:** None at this time.

IX. Upcoming Meetings

- A. Technical Advisory Committee – November 19, 2014 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)**
- B. Citizens Advisory Committee – November 19, 2014 3:00 p.m. (McCloskey Room)**
- C. Policy Committee – Tentatively January 9, 2015 at 1:30pm. (Council Chambers)**

Adjournment

These minutes were adopted by the Policy Committee at their meeting held on January 1, 2015 (EJEA)